

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the Senate by the following vote, yeas 26, nays 0; passed the House of Representatives with amendments by the following vote, yeas 94, nays 0; referred to conference committee; report of conference committee adopted by the Senate by the following vote, yeas 25, nays 0; and by the House by the following vote, yeas 92, nays 1.]

TAXATION—SUBMITTING AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

H. J. R. No. 7.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Amending Section 3, Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted on school districts and providing for a majority vote of the property tax paying voters of such district to vote such tax.

SECTION 1. *Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Ses. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed twenty cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of this State by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school districts for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

SEC. 2. The Governor of the State of Texas shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election, or at a special election called by the Governor and the sum of four thousand (\$4000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publication of such proclamation. At such election the qualified electors voting and favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "For

amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State, relating to public free schools," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State, relating to public free schools."

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the House of Representatives by the following vote, yeas 99, nays 0; was referred to the Senate, amended and passed by the following vote, yeas 23, nays 3; that the House of Representatives concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote, yeas 94, nays 0.]

Approved March 20, 1907.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CREATING THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

S. J. R. No. 13.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 27, providing for a Department of Agriculture, with a bureau of labor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 27, when a majority of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature of Texas at an election for that purpose shall vote in favor of the amendment, shall read as follows:

Section 27. The Legislature shall provide for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, who shall be either elected by the qualified voters of the State, or appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate, as the Legislature may provide; whose term of office, duties and salary shall be prescribed by law; in which department there shall be established by the Legislature a bureau of labor, when required by the public interest.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of Texas, to be voted upon on the first Tuesday in August, 1907. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And the sum of (\$2000) two thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publications, proclamation and election.